

## HOUSE BILL No. 1335

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-7-2; IC 12-20-28-3.

**Synopsis:** Annual statistical report on township assistance. Requires the state board of accounts to: (1) compare and compile the information from the annual statistical reports filed by township trustees into a statewide statistical report; and (2) provide the report to the general assembly and the department of local government finance. Requires a township trustee to provide additional information in the annual statistical report.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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**Budak, Saunders, Summers, Hinkle**

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-24.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2005]: **Sec. 24.9. "Case contact", for purposes of IC 12-20-28-3,**  
4 **has the meaning set forth in IC 12-20-28-3(b).**

5 SECTION 2. IC 12-7-2-189.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 189.7. "TANF", for purposes of**  
8 **IC 12-20, refers to the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy**  
9 **Families program under 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.**

10 SECTION 3. IC 12-7-2-192.3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 192.3. "Total number  
12 of households containing ~~poor relief township assistance~~ recipients",  
13 for purposes of IC 12-20-28-3, has the meaning set forth in  
14 ~~IC 12-20-28-3(b).~~ **IC 12-20-28-3(c).**

15 SECTION 4. IC 12-7-2-192.4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 192.4. "Total number  
17 of recipients", for purposes of IC 12-20-28-3, has the meaning set forth



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1 in ~~IC 12-20-28-3(c)~~. **IC 12-20-28-3(d)**.

2 SECTION 5. IC 12-7-2-192.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 192.5. "Total number  
4 of requests for assistance", for purposes of IC 12-20-28-3, has the  
5 meaning set forth in ~~IC 12-20-28-3(d)~~. **IC 12-20-28-3(e)**.

6 SECTION 6. IC 12-20-28-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. (a) The definitions  
8 in this section apply to a report that is required to be filed under this  
9 section.

10 **(b) As used in this section, "case contact" means any act of**  
11 **service in which a township employee has reason to enter a**  
12 **comment or narrative into the record of an application for**  
13 **township assistance under this article regardless of whether the**  
14 **applicant receives or does not receive township assistance funds.**

15 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** As used in this section, "total number of households  
16 containing ~~poor relief~~ **township assistance** recipients" means the sum  
17 to be determined by counting the total number of individuals who file  
18 an application for which ~~relief~~ **assistance** is granted. A household may  
19 be counted only once during a calendar year regardless of the number  
20 of times assistance is provided if the same individual makes the  
21 application for assistance.

22 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** As used in this section, "total number of recipients" means  
23 the number of individuals who are members of a household that  
24 receives assistance on at least one (1) occasion during the calendar  
25 year. An individual may be counted only one (1) time during a calendar  
26 year regardless of the:

- 27 (1) number of times assistance is provided; or
- 28 (2) number of households in which the individual resides during
- 29 a particular year.

30 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** As used in this section, "total number of requests for  
31 assistance" means the number of times an individual or a household  
32 separately requests any type of township assistance.

33 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** The township trustee shall file an annual statistical report on  
34 township housing, medical care, utility **assistance**, ~~and~~ food assistance,  
35 **burial assistance, food pantry assistance, services related to**  
36 **representative payee programs, services related to special**  
37 **nontraditional programs, and case management services** with the  
38 state board of accounts. The township trustee shall provide a copy of  
39 the annual statistical report to the county auditor. The county auditor  
40 shall keep the copy of the report in the county auditor's office. Except  
41 as provided in subsection ~~(i)~~; **(k)**, the report must be made on a form  
42 provided by the state board of accounts. The report must contain the

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following information:

- (1) The total number of requests for assistance.
- (2) The total number of **each of the following:**
  - (A) ~~poor relief~~ Recipients of township assistance. and
  - (B) ~~total number of~~ Households containing ~~poor relief~~ recipients of township assistance.
  - (C) Case contacts made with or on behalf of:
    - (i) recipients of township assistance; or
    - (ii) members of a household receiving township assistance.
- (3) The total value of benefits provided ~~poor relief~~ to recipients of township assistance.
- (4) The total value of benefits provided through the efforts of township staff from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(4)~~ (5) The total number of each of the following:
  - (A) ~~poor relief~~ Recipients of township assistance and households receiving utility assistance.
  - (B) Recipients assisted by township staff in receiving utility assistance from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(5)~~ (6) The total value of benefits provided for the payment of utilities, including the value of benefits of utility assistance provided through the efforts of township staff from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(6)~~ (7) The total number of each of the following:
  - (A) ~~poor relief~~ Recipients of township assistance and households receiving housing assistance.
  - (B) Recipients assisted by township staff in receiving housing assistance from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(7)~~ (8) The total value of benefits provided for housing assistance, including the value of benefits of housing assistance provided through the efforts of township staff from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(8)~~ (9) The total number of each of the following:
  - (A) ~~poor relief~~ Recipients of township assistance and households receiving food assistance.
  - (B) Recipients assisted by township staff in receiving food assistance from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(9)~~ (10) The total value of food assistance provided, including the value of food assistance provided through the efforts of township staff from sources other than township funds.
- ~~(10)~~ (11) The total number of each of the following:

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- 1 (A) ~~poor relief~~ Recipients of township assistance and  
 2 households provided health care.
- 3 (B) Recipients assisted by township staff in receiving health  
 4 care assistance from sources other than township funds.
- 5 ~~(+1)~~ (12) The total value of health care provided, including the  
 6 value of health care assistance provided through the efforts of  
 7 township staff from sources other than township funds.
- 8 ~~(+2)~~ (13) The total number of funerals, burials, and cremations.
- 9 ~~(+3)~~ (14) The total value of funerals, burials, and cremations,  
 10 including the difference between the:
- 11 (A) actual value of the funerals, burials, and cremations;  
 12 and
- 13 (B) amount paid by the township for the funerals, burials,  
 14 and cremations.
- 15 ~~(+4)~~ (15) The total of each of the following:
- 16 (A) Number of nights of emergency shelter provided to the  
 17 homeless.
- 18 (B) Number of nights of emergency shelter provided to  
 19 homeless individuals through the efforts of township staff  
 20 from sources other than township funds.
- 21 (C) Value of the nights of emergency shelter provided to  
 22 homeless individuals by the township and the value of the  
 23 nights of emergency shelter provided through the efforts  
 24 of the township staff from sources other than township  
 25 funds.
- 26 ~~(+5)~~ (16) The total of each of the following:
- 27 (A) Number of referrals of ~~poor relief~~ township assistance  
 28 applicants to other programs.
- 29 (B) Value of the services provided by the township in  
 30 making referrals to other programs.
- 31 ~~(+6)~~ (17) The total number of training programs or job placements  
 32 found for ~~poor relief~~ recipients of township assistance with the  
 33 assistance of the township trustee.
- 34 ~~(+7)~~ (18) The number of hours spent by ~~poor relief~~ recipients of  
 35 township assistance at workfare.
- 36 (19) The total value of the services provided by workfare to  
 37 the township and other agencies.
- 38 ~~(+8)~~ (20) The total amount of reimbursement for assistance  
 39 received from:
- 40 (A) recipients;  
 41 (B) members of recipients' households; or  
 42 (C) recipients' estates;

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under IC 12-20-6-10, IC 12-20-27-1, or IC 12-20-27-1.5.

~~(19)~~ **(21)** The total amount of reimbursement for assistance received from medical programs under IC 12-20-16-2(e).

**(22) The total of each of the following:**

**(A) Number of individuals assisted through a representative payee program.**

**(B) Amount of funds processed through the representative payee program that are not township funds.**

**(23) The total of each of the following:**

**(A) Number of individuals assisted through special nontraditional programs provided through the township without the expenditure of township funds.**

**(B) Amount of funds used to provide the special nontraditional programs that are not township funds.**

**(24) The total of each of the following:**

**(A) Number of hours an investigator of township assistance spends providing case management services to a recipient of township assistance or a member of a household receiving township assistance.**

**(B) Value of the case management services provided.**

**(25) The total number of housing inspections performed by the township.**

If the total number or value of any item required to be reported under this subsection is zero (0), the township trustee shall include the notation "0" in the report where the total number or value is required to be reported.

**(g) The state board of accounts shall:**

**(1) compare and compile the data under subsection (f) into a statewide statistical report; and**

**(2) provide the report to the general assembly.**

**A report to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

~~(f)~~ **(h)** The state board of accounts shall forward a copy of:

**(1) each annual report forwarded to the board under subsection**

~~(e)~~; **(f); and**

**(2) the statewide statistical report under subsection (g);**  
to the department and the division of family and children.

~~(g)~~ **(i)** The division of family and children shall include in the division's periodic reports made to the United States Department of Health and Human Services concerning the ~~Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)~~ **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)** and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs

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1 information forwarded to the division under subsection ~~(h)~~ **(h)**  
 2 concerning the total number of ~~poor relief~~ recipients **of township**  
 3 **assistance** and the total dollar amount of benefits provided.

4 ~~(h)~~ **(j)** The department may not approve the budget of a township  
 5 trustee who fails to file an annual report under subsection ~~(e)~~ **(f)** in the  
 6 preceding calendar year. Before July 1 of each year, the department  
 7 shall file:

8 **(1)** a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 with the  
 9 legislative council that compiles and summarizes the information  
 10 sent to the state board of accounts by township trustees under  
 11 subsection ~~(e)~~; **(f); and**

12 **(2) the statewide statistical report by the state board of**  
 13 **accounts under subsection (g).**

14 ~~(j)~~ **(k)** This section does not prevent the electronic transfer of data  
 15 required to be reported under IC 12-2-1-40 (before its repeal) or this  
 16 section if the following conditions are met:

17 (1) The method of reporting is acceptable to both the township  
 18 trustee reporting the information and the governmental entity to  
 19 which the information is reported.

20 (2) A written copy of information reported by electronic transfer  
 21 is on file with the township trustee reporting information by  
 22 electronic means.

23 ~~(j)~~ **(l)** The information required to be reported by the township  
 24 trustee under this section shall be maintained by the township trustee  
 25 in accordance with IC 5-15-6.

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